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For: MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES	:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit copies of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. The listed documents were included in a search report issued in connection with a corresponding European patent application. The relevance of each listed document is described in the European Search Report, a copy of which is also included herewith.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. This submission is believed to be in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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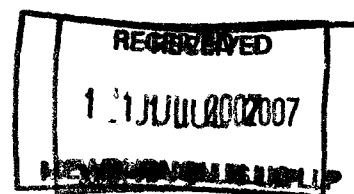
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- ☐ the declaration under Rule 45 EPC
- ☐ the partial European search report under Rule 45 EPC
- ☒ the European search report under Rule 112 EPC

relating to the above-mentioned European patent application. Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.



The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division :

- ☐ Abstract ☐ Title ☐ Figure
 - ☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.
 - ☐ The following figure will be published with the abstract, since the Search Division considers that it better characterises the invention than the one indicated by the applicant.
- Figure:
- ☐ Additional copy(copies) of the documents cited in the European search report.

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CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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- ☒ All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the Search Division did not invite payment of any additional fee.
- ☐ Only part of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the inventions in respect of which search fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☐ None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims, namely claims:



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 12, 13 complete 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58, 60-65 in part

Magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand incorporates a lanthanide. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 2-9

2. claims: 16, 17, 47, 48, 57, 59 complete; 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49-56, 58, 60-65 in part

Magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a carbohydrate group (polysaccharide, oligosaccharide, monosaccharide). Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 3-9.

3. claims: 18, 19 complete; 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 51-56, 58, 60-65 in part

Magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a glycanoconjugate (glycolipid or glycoprotein). Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 2, 4-9.

4. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-37, 39 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises an antigen for the preparation of a medicament for vaccinating. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-3, 5-9.

5. claims: 38 complete; 1-11, 14, 15, 20-37, 39 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a nucleic acid encoding an antigen for the preparation of a medicament for vaccinating. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-4, 6-9.

6. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a hormone or DHEA for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-5, 7-9.

7. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a peptide capable of binding to a cell-specific receptor for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-6, 8, 9.

8. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises a lipid for binding a toll receptor for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-7, 9.

9. claims: 1-11, 14, 15, 20-36, 40-46, 49, 50 in part

Use of a magnetic nanoparticle of less than 2.5 nm diameter having a core of metal atoms wherein the core is covalently linked to a plurality of ligands wherein the ligand comprises methylene blue for the preparation of a medicament for treatment of cancer metastasis. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-8.



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Although claims 37-42 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.



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